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TAGS: ETRD, CH, TW

SUBJECT: APCAC MANILA MEETING - PRC/ROC ISSUE

1. DESPITE ADVANCE EFFORTS TO COMPOSE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN HONG KONG AND ROC AMCHAMS, APCAC MEETING SPENT MORE THAN FIRST HALF DAY FULLY AIRING CONFLICTING VIEWS ON RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF TRADE WITH PRC AND ROC. HONG KONG AMCHAM, AFTER PRESENTATION OF SEMINAR ON HOW TO DO BUSINESS WITH PRC (IN WHICH IT WAS JOINED BY THEROUX OF NCUSCT) ARGUED THAT IS ESSENTIAL TO MOVE FORWARD WITH NEW INITIATIVES TO NORMALIZE AND EXPAND US/PRC TRADE. ROC AMCHAM MOSTLY CONCERNED ABOUT POSSIBLE "CONCESSIONS" PRESIDENT FORD MAY MAKE DURING FORTHCOMING VISIT TO PRC, ARGUED THAT AGREEING TO MFN WOULD BE INEVITABLY LINKED TO FULL DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION AND DISSOLUTION US/ROC SECURITY COMMITMENT. THIS WOULD HAVE SERIOUSLY ADVERSE EFFECTS ON US BUSINESS INTERESTS IN ROC WHICH ARE SUBSTANTIALLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MORE IMPORTANT THAN ANY LIKELY GAIN FROM TRADE WITH

PRC. ROC AMCHAM GOT MOST OF ITS SUPPORT FROM JAPAN  
AMCHAM.

2. AFTER QUICK ACCEPTANCE OF RESOLUTION CALLING FOR  
REPEAL OF SECTIONS 402 AND 409 OF TRADE ACT WITHOUT  
REFERENCE TO PRC, MAIN BONE OF CONTENTION WAS  
RESOLUTION CALLING ON NCUSCT TO INITIATE DISCUSSIONS  
WITH CCPIT ON NON-GOVERNMENTAL TRADE AGREEMENT AND A  
PROPOSED LETTER FROM APCAC TO NCUSCT PRESIDENT  
ELABORATING ON THIS PROPOSAL. ROC AMCHAM WANTED  
INCLUSION OF SOME "COUNTER-BALANCING" STATEMENT CALLING  
ON PRESIDENT FORD NOT TO GIVE CONCESSIONS WHICH WOULD  
JEOPARDIZE U.S. TRADE AND INVESTMENT IN ROC.

3. AFTER CAUCUSING BY INTERESTED DELEGATIONS THEY  
CAME UP WITH PROPOSAL OF 1) RESOLUTION ON EXPLORATION  
OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL TRADE AGREEMENT BY NCUSCT (WITHOUT  
SPECIFYING CONTENT); 2) BRIEF LETTER TO NCUSCT  
PRESIDENT CALLING HIS ATTENTION TO THIS COMMUNIQUE  
AND 3) RESOLUTION URGING PRESIDENT FORD TO VISIT  
TAIPEI AT EARLY DATE TO REAFFIRM U.S. SUPPORT FOR  
AMERICAN EXPANSION OF AMERICAN TRADE AND INVESTMENT  
IN ROC. ALL WERE QUICKLY APPROVED.

4. STATE REP (GEBER) INTERVENED COUPLE OF TIMES  
REGRETTING INTRODUCTION OF DIVISIVE ISSUE AND TRIED TO  
RECONCILE BOTH PARTIES' OBJECTIVES. UPON INTRODUCTION  
OF RESOLUTION ON FORD VISIT TO ROC HE QUESTIONED  
ROC AMCHAM WHETHER UNLIKELY FULFILLMENT OF RESOLUTION  
MAY NOT BE EMBARRASSING TO AMCHAM. AMCHAM STILL  
FAVORED IT FOR "HOME CONSUMPTION".

5. UPON NEWS OF CHIANG-KAI-SHEK'S DEATH, APCAC SENT  
MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE.  
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